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SUBJECT: EC DRAFT DIRECTIVE ON RANGES OF NOMINAL QUANTITIES FOR
PREPACKAGED PRODUCTS

REF: (A) TELECON, 7/19/76, O'CONNELL TO BRESLER; (B) LETTER
7/27/76, L.K. LOBRED (U.S NAT' L CANNERS ASSOC.) TO AMB,F.B.
DENT,STR WITH ATTACHMENT ; (C) EC A-243; (D) EC A-456 OF
12/13/73

1. MISSION HAS CONTACTED FAURE (COMMISSON DG XI) REGARDING
THE STATUS OF THE COMMISSION DRAFT OF A DIRECTIVE ON THE
RANGES OF NOMINAL QUANTITIES PERMITTED FOR CERTAIN PREPKACKAGED
PRODUCTS,AS AGREED BY TELEPHONE (REFMA) FAURE ADVISES THAT
SUBJECT DRAFT IS STILL UNDERGOING "MINOR CHANGES" BEFORE
BEING SENT TO THE COUNCIL AS A PROPOSAL. IT SHOULD BE COMPLETE
WITHIN 1 WEEK AND MISSION WILL RECEIVED A COPY AT THAT TIME.
MISSION WILL FORWARD COPIES TO RECIPIENTS ABOVE ASAP.

2. LOBRED'S LETTER ENCLOSES REVISION 3 OF THE DRAFT
DIRECTIVE. ARTICLE 3 OF THE DRAFT REFERS TO COUNCIL
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DIRECTIVE 211 OF JANUARY 20# 1976, ON FILL TOLERANCES,WHICH

WAS REPORTED IN REF C. FAURE SAYS THAT THE FILL TOLERANCES AND METROLOGICAL METHOS SPECIFIED IN DIRECTIVE 211 WILL BE APPLICABLE TO THE WEIGHTS AND VOLUMES REFERRED TO IN THE NEW DRAFT.

3. JUDGING BY THE MECHANISMS ADOPTED PREVIOUSLY BY THE COMMISSION IN IMPLEMENTING OPTIONAL LEGISLATION (E.G.,AS EXPLAINED IN REF D., ALSO CONCERNING CONTAINERS), THE COMMISSION SHOULD NET REPEAT NOT BE EXPECTED TO AMALGAMATE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATE LISTS INTO ONE COMPREHENSIVE LIST APPLYING IN ITS ENTIRETY TO ALL MEMBER STATES. RATHER,EACH MEMBER STATE LIST WILL PROBABLY APPLY ONLY TO THAT MEMBER STATE,AND THERE MAY WELL INDEED BE NINE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT LISTS.

4. WITH THE FORWARDING OF THE DRAFT TO THE COUNCIL AS A PROPOSAL STILL OVER A WEEK AWAY, FAURE ESTIMATES THE TME NECESSARY FOR THE DIRECTIVE'S ADOPTION AS AT LEAST 2 YEARS. HINTON

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